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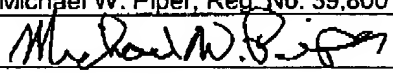
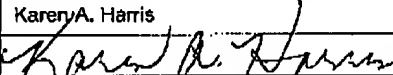
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In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully provide the remarks as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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